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FOR : Endoscope with Open Channels  
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of 7 November 2008, applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously presented claims, withdrawn claims, and currently amended claims, are presented below. Canceled claims are indicated as being canceled. Underlining indicates additions to the specification and claims, while strikethrough or double brackets indicate deletions.